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Confirmation No.: 3348

Serial No.: 09/971,830

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EXAMINER: R. Chiu

For: SPORTS RACKET HAVING UNIFORM STRING STRUCTURE

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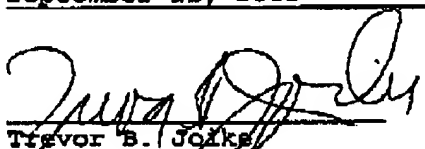
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INTRODUCTION

Claim 14-34 remain in the application. Claims 14-19, 21-26, and 28-34 are rejected. Claims 20, 27, and 34 are objected to as being dependent on rejected claims but are otherwise considered to be allowable.

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents for a three-month extension of time for responding to the OA so that the period of

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response is extended from June 21, 2005 to September 21, 2005. The Deposit Account has already been charged for a two-month extension. Any shortages may be charged to, and any overpayments may be credited to, deposit account no. 50-1519.